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VENEZUELAN DISCUSSION AGREEMENT

FMC Agreement No. 203-011383-019

A Cooperative Working Agreement

Date of Last Republication:

None

Expiration Date:

None



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- (d) To further assist in reaching a consensus each signatory may communicate directly with some or all of the other signatories and exchange information with them, with respect to any matter authorized herein prior to or after meetings of the Agreement. In the event a Conference is a signatory, communications and discussions authorized hereunder may be held between a conference member(s) (or designated Conference representative) and one or more signatories hereto.
- (e) Any two or more signatories are authorized to reach agreements to charter space aboard vessels to one another in the Trade upon such terms and conditions as they may decide from time to time. The Agreement shall submit a quarterly report stating the names of the parties to chartering arrangements hereunder, the amount of space chartered (expressed in TEU's), the commencement and termination date of such activity, and port or ports to or from which it applies. In the event that no activity has taken place, the report shall so state.
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## SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to Agreement No. 202-011383 hereby agree this 29th day of August, 1997, to amend the Agreement as per the attached Second Revised Page No. 5, and to file same with the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission.

Nathan J. Bayer

Counsel to Agreement

No. 202-011383

Authorized to Execute Modification Pursuant to Article 6(b) of Agreement 203-011383-019

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